

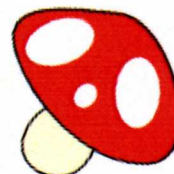
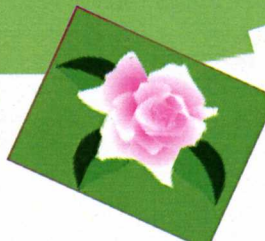
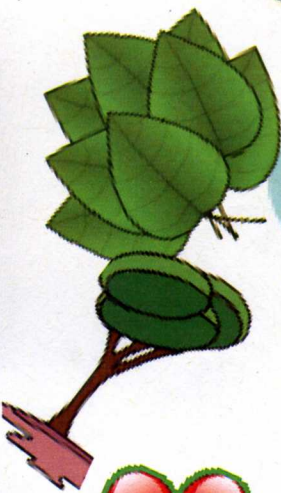
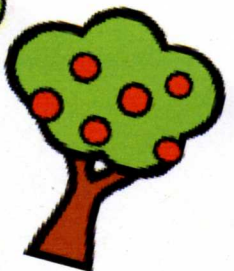
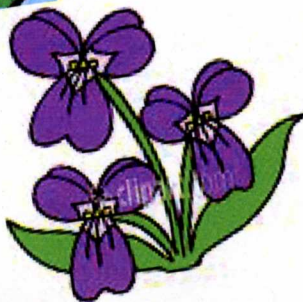
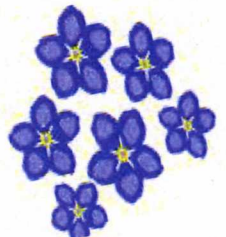


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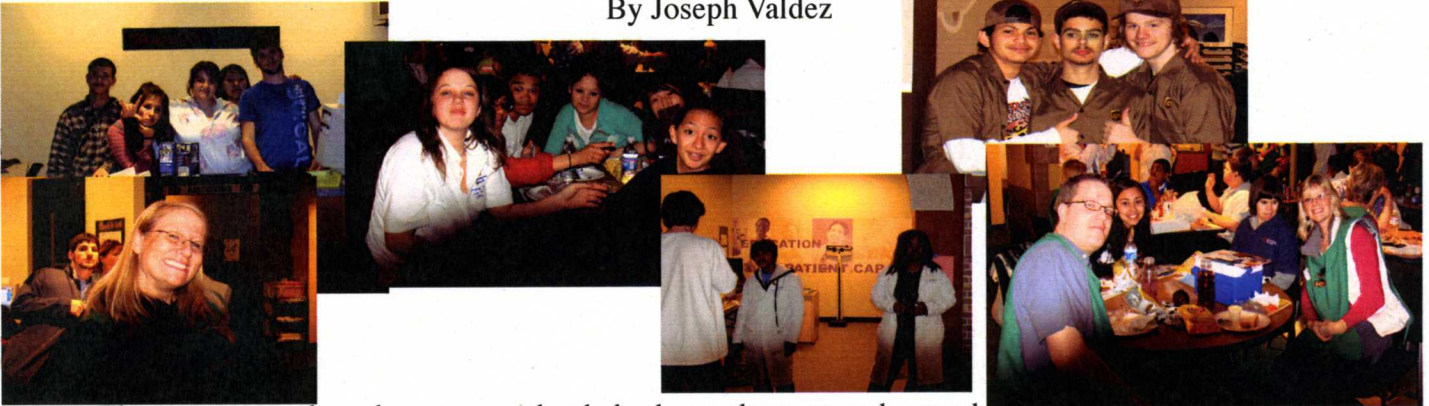
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By Joseph Valdez



There are several work programs that help the students to understand the difference between types of jobs, and/or to have the experience and enjoyment. All of those programs are from Junior Achievement Company. There are two programs. One is JA BizTown and another one is JA Finance Park. Some students divided to attend two parks. In addition, the fact is that JA BizTown is for elementary schools and JA Finance Park is for middle schools.

JA BizTown included businesses such as Professional Office, UW Medicine, Restaurant, WAMU Bank, etc. This helped the students to understand about the relationship between communities and businesses to make the economy stronger. The students chose a company/business to work for and to have experience. This helped them to become experienced and skilled workers in the future.

What is JA Finance Park? To teach you about the role of financial institutions and their services and learn about credit, interest, debit cards, saving, investing, and stock. This helped the students to build a foundation for making intelligent, lifelong, personal financial decisions through hands-on, realistic site-based experiences.

BizTown URL: http://www.ja.org/Programs/programs_elem_biztown.shtml

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Cinco de Mayo

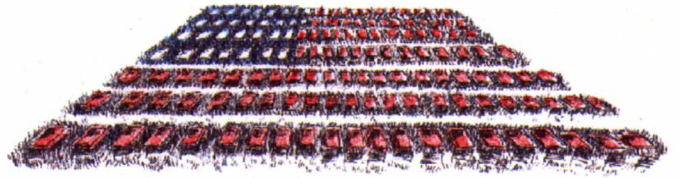
By Jasmine Burnham



Happy
Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a holiday celebrated on May 5 by Mexicans and Mexican Americans. Cinco de Mayo means May 5th in Spanish. This holiday occurs because the Mexicans' victory when their army defeated French army, even though the French were armed better and three times as large, at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. General Ignacio Zaragoza led the Mexican army. This battle has happened after the Napoleon III of France sent troops to Mexico to try to capture the land. The French withdrew their troops in 1866 and 1867 from Mexico after miraculously won the battle.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in many countries such as in United States. It observed with parades, festivals, music, and dancing. It also has speeches given by some Mexicans about the history as entertainments during the festivals.

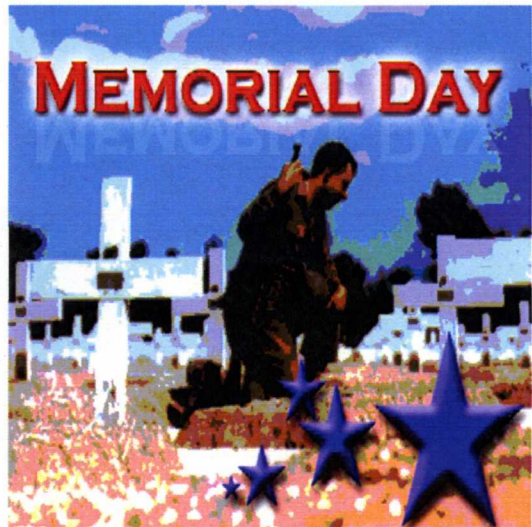


Memorial Day

PAUL SOLONITZ

By Joseph Valdez

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for our American soliders who have died for serving the United States. It is also known as the Decoration Day. Those amazing people died protecting our country from the wars and served well in the America. This special celebration day will always be on the last Monday of May every year. When the day comes, people will visit the cemeteries and they often place American flags and flowers on each gravesites at the National Cemetery. Many Americans use Memorial Day to honor the brave soliders who died for our freedom. It's a good thing that American have a celebration for Memorial Day.



Springtime in Paris

WSD prom 2009

Prom this year was a blast! Thanks to the Junior's class and their advisors, Mary Beth and Pagan for a great Prom!

The students got ready at WSD cottages, then some went on a hot pink Hummer Limo, others went on a decorated bus. Prom was held at Red Lion Hotel at the Quay in a small meeting room with a dance floor. For dinner, we were served pasta with meatballs, salad and a dinner roll. Then the group went outside to view the gorgeous waterfront, and we were able to go down to the dock. We spent the rest of the night dancing and having a great time.

This year our Prom King and Queen are Nicholas Schindler and Alyssa Ortiz!



DEAF RIGHTS



By Alicia Sanders

Have you ever been discriminated by hearing people because they think that you cannot do anything because you are deaf? Do not listen to them

because you can do anything. You have your equal rights with the hearing people. For example: if you don't always get an interpreter for your appointment, like doctor, dentist, or hospital for emergency, you can file a complaint by using the ADA law. Remember wherever you are, it is important to have an interpreter for your appointment like a job interview because an interpreter can help you present your skills to the employer. In addition, you always have your rights. Also, it is imperative to have closed or open captions on your television because if you don't, how would you know what they are talking about? You need to have fairness with hearing people. You have rights to get service to meet your need. If you don't feel like you get to have your rights, report to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) at (800)-514-0383 (TTY) or (800)-514-0301 (Voice).



By Alyssa Ortiz

Jasmine Burnham stars as Cinderella in this classic fairy tale and finds her Prince Charming, played by Nick Ortiz. Using the script written by a Deaf woman, the Drama production of Washington School for the Deaf will be putting on the performance. The original script was re-written to better accommodate American Sign Language and Deaf people. The director of this performance, Ashleigh Rice is a senior at WSD and this is her first production.

Also there will be another play presented by the Elementary Students called "A Fairly Stupid Tale." Both performances will be shown on May 21st at 7:00pm in the Lloyd Auditorium at Washington School for the Deaf, the admission for non-WSD student is \$3.00.





Morals

By Dano Laurion

Who's to say what's right and wrong? Do people have the right to force their beliefs on to you? What I'm talking about is nothing more than morals; this is a personal belief and something to live by. People learn their morals starting young, but individuals are

entitled to their own opinion. Often times, they take up and learn from their parents. Do you know what to do? Morals allow you to judge the world in your eyes and form your opinions about things. The need for the use of this is everyday We stumble upon questions that are more complicated than just yes or no, then we must resort to logic and express our morals. Should we as teens take a joint and smoke pot? I can't answer that for you but look inside and see how you were raised and what you want in life and I believe you will find your answer. Find what's right and wrong and when you can truly tell yourself what that is then live by it.



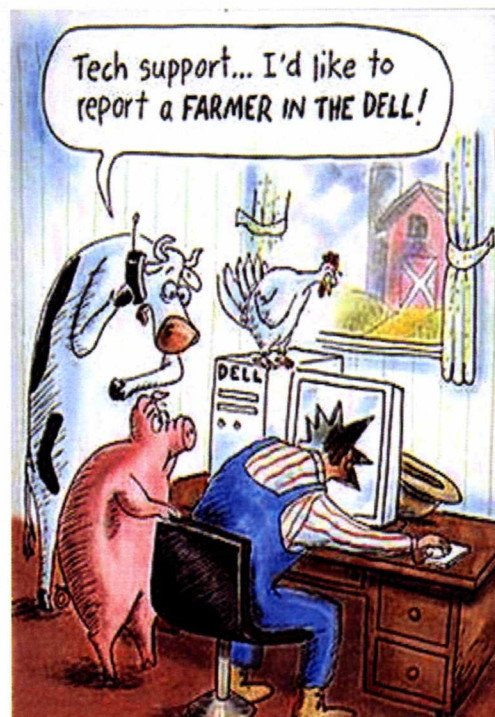
On the one hand, he's a cheater. On the other hand he's the star of our team. This is what is known as a moral dilemma.

Seeds

Joseph Valdez



As you guys are very well aware of the economy. When humans become hungry, they can buy something to eat to survive, such as fruits and vegetables. Right now we are in the spring season, and the summer is coming, which means you could plant any kind of seeds right away. Just don't wait till end of the summer. It will be too late to grow the vegetables and fruits. It is a very simple procedure, if you have a wide backyard at your house where they will get beams of solar energy from the sun all the way, all day, and all night. And then get the soil from animal feces called manure. If you don't have a backyard or enough spaces to plant the fruits and vegetables, I suggest you get the big sized pots. (If you get them, I suggest you get worms to produce their waste to grow the plants faster.) They still can make the fruits and vegetables, such as jalapenos and tomatoes, then leave them outside to give them the solar energy. After that, you need to pour plenty of water to them about 2 or 3 times everyday. This will help the plants to grow faster and healthier. The fruit and vegetables grow up for about three months depending on the temperature and the weather. They will become "Homemade fruits and vegetables."



WHAT MEN MEAN

By Alyssa Ortiz



As a rebuttal to Dan-O's article from last month, "What Women Think," I have decided to write an article on what Men really mean. I got those from the website, <http://penn.home.att.net/guy08.htm>.

"Woman driver."

Really means.... "Someone who doesn't speed, tailgate, swear, make obscene gestures, and has a better driving record than I have."

"It's a guy thing."

Really means.... "There is no rational thought pattern connected with it, and you have no chance at all of making it logical."

"It would take too long to explain."

Really means.... "I have no idea how it works."

"Take a break, honey, you're working too hard."

Really means.... "I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner."

"Honey, we don't need material things to prove our love."

Really means.... "I forgot our anniversary again."

"Football is a man's game."

Really means.... "Women are generally too smart to play it."

"You look terrific."

Really means.... "Oh, God, please don't let her try on one more outfit. I'm starving."

"I don't need to read the instructions."

Really means.... "I am perfectly capable of screwing it up without printed help."

Spring Clothing

By Alyssa Ortiz



Girls! Are you tired of getting BRF because of your clothes? It's nice and hot outside, of course you want to wear tank tops and shorts, but WSD clothing policy doesn't allow it. So, you are forced to wear long shorts with shirts, instead of the cute tank top that you just bought. Here are some ideas of how you can still wear your pretty clothes and follow the school code.

Tank tops- wear it over a t-shirt, or wear it under a light jacket, or a cardigan sweater.

Dresses- Wear it over a t-shirt and leggings.

Short shorts- Wear it over leggings

Deep V shirts- wear a camisole (like spaghetti tank top) underneath.

Short skirts- wear it over leggings.

Flip-flops- there is no getting around this rule, but opt for a cute sandal with fastening.

Judy Miller Retires!

By Jasmine Burnham

We will miss you, Judy! Judy was a science and math teacher at WSD for many years. She taught science for her first six years, after that, she taught math for 20 years. I interviewed her about her retirement. I asked her some questions and here are some great things for you to know!

She said she feels half excited and half nervous because she is glad to finally have a break from working, but she is not sure of how she would get used with not being at work. She said she would miss helping students at school. She also remembers her first year for working here, "It was HELL." She is quoted as saying. I asked her what was her most embarrassing moment at work, she said it was in the '80s when she taught science and the class was having a science experiment about gravity, they experimented by using a pail of water. She instructed the kids not to spill the water out of the pail. The students were to circulate the pail and then swing their pail slowly to stop circulating, so the water won't spill out of the pail. One of her students didn't pay attention and he circulated and stopped abruptly, the water splashed out on him all over the floor! Everyone laughed and Mrs. Pietsch remembered this day too. Judy said it was the most embarrassing moment for her because she expected all kids to pay attention and wasn't happy with all kids laughing at the failure of the experiment.

For her retirement, she hopes to visit other countries and her plan is to travel all over America with her husband. I asked her for advice to other teachers and suggestions for WSD.

Mrs. Miller: "I would say that the teachers have to be completely patient and always stay positive." "Hmm, a suggestion for WSD? Let me

think. I have noticed that not many children finish their homework at the cottages. Maybe the cottages can have a stronger system to support the kids to complete their homework."

Jasmine: "Are you ready for your retirement?"

Mrs. Miller: "I'm not sure (chuckles)."

Let us not forget to give honorable farewell to Mrs. Miller! Have a good retirement; we hope to see you again eventually. We will miss you!

